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SERVICE STATISTICS

(Agenda item 6)

1. The Commission considered item 6 of its agenda at its 486th meeting, on 12 February 1997. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the progress report of the Inter-Agency Task Force on Service Statistics (E/CN.3/1997/7);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General containing an assessment of the work of the inter-agency task forces established by the Statistical Commission in relation to their mandates (E/CN.3/1997/24 and Corr.1).

Action taken by the Commission

2. The Commission:

(a) Took note of the progress report of the Inter-Agency Task Force on Service Statistics (E/CN.3/1997/7, annex);

(b) Stressed the importance of consistency between the fifth edition of the Balance of Payments Manual of the International Monetary Fund, the Central Product Classification Version 1.0, the System of National Accounts, 1993[1] and the manual on trade-in-services statistics proposed by the Inter-Agency Task Force; and requested that work on the proposed manual be coordinated with the Globalization Group (Working Party Number 9) of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development.

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[1] United Nations publication, Sales No. E.94.XVII.4.